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The Trouble on The Isle of Pines.

Among the matters that will come before the United States senate during the present session will be the question of ratifying the treaty formally conveying the Isle of Pines to the Republic of Cuba, to which, in view of the recent action of the American residents of the island in declaring themselves independent of Cuba, holding the American flag and organizing a territorial form of government, particular importance and interest attaches. In this connection the following article from Bradstreet's Financial Reporter will prove of more than ordinary interest:

There have been of late some unusual happenings in the Isle of Pines. That island, which has become for the moment an object of interest, is about thirty-five miles south of the coast of Cuba, to which it belongs, and has an area of about 900 square miles. It has several streams navigable for a distance of four or five miles, and its climate is mild and salubrious, but the soil is poor and sandy. Its principal products are cattle, tobacco, pine, mahogany, cedar and other woods, sulphur, spirits of turpentine, pitch, tar, marble, rock, crystal and tortoise. It had a population of a little over 3,000 in 1899. A short time ago the strange news came from the island that a number of American residents had issued a declaration of independence, which, in view of the fact that the island belongs to Cuba, and had organized a new government as a territory of the United States, intending to send a delegate to Congress. It was reported that conventions had been held at which members of a territorial legislature had been elected. News from Havana was to the effect that what had happened had been greatly exaggerated in earlier reports, but it was decided to appoint a committee to look into the matter.

At Washington it was known that for some time past American residents of the island had been restive under Cuban control, but the reports of the radical action taken were relieved with surprise. It was not a matter of wonder that delegates had been chosen to oppose the ratification of the treaty before the Senate looking to the formal transfer of the island to the Republic of Cuba, but it was regarded as remarkable that the American residents should have assumed territorial officials. One thing has been made abundantly clear, namely, that what has been done in the island on the part of the discontented residents has not had any support or sanction from the government of the United States. The position of the Secretary of State upon the status of the island has never been in doubt, and that his view will be that of the administration admits of no question. It is certain that the government of the United States will not undertake to deal with the situation in the island in the event of the American residents attempting to displace the Cuban officials by persons of their own choice. That is a matter which will be attended to by the government at Havana, which, as announced by General Andrade, the Cuban Minister of the Interior, will maintain order in its territory and will ask assistance from nobody in so doing. It is unfortunate that the status of the island should have so long remained in an apparent condition of uncertainty, but the situation as it exists must be accepted now.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, has telegraphed Vice President Fairbanks resigning the chairmanship of the Senate committee on ocean canals. The Senate would be none the worse off if the gentleman from Oregon severed his connection with it altogether.

The Ledger says that Birmingham spends several thousand dollars daily for chickens and eggs. Wonder some of the people up there don't begin to sprout pin feathers.

A Democratic mayor has just been elected in Portland, Maine. Glad to note that New England is gradually getting civilized.

Presidential timber will be mighty scarce in New York three years hence if the investigations are kept up.

Communications of general interest are always gladly received by a newspaper, but it is an invariable rule that

such communications must be signed by the person sending them in order to be available for publication. The Journal has recently received a number of interesting communications which were not published owing to the fact that they were unsigned and, in calling attention to this matter, requests its correspondents to invariably sign each communication with their full name—not for publication but as a guarantee of good faith. Unsigned communications, unless the writer is known, invariably find their way into the waste basket.

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Thus the laws of cause and effect are beneficent or baleful—according to whether we plan in consonance with them or try to flout them.

JUMPING TARANTULA OF THE SOUTHWEST

(New Orleans States)

Great achievements in the field of statesmanship do not figure at all in the ambition of the Hon. Jeff Davis, of Arkansas. On the contrary his chief aim in life is to earn the title of the "Fighting Governor." He desires to be known as the jumping tarantula of the Southwest, the untamed son of the Chicoflats, who weighs a ton and smells like a wolf, a wild and woolly wolf that constantly screams for conflict. In brief Governor Davis desires the whole world to accept him unqualifiedly as a ringed hornet from the sand hills, who will fight at the drop of a hat and will drop it himself if no one else is disposed to perform that courteous act.

Long is Jeff's record of fights in which black eyes, bumps and bruises were generously distributed in bunches. Such a large share of these things have come to the scrappy governor of Arkansas that many people think that he has gathered considerably more of them than he has been able to distribute among his fellow citizens. As a result of his proneness to use his fists upon any offensive presence he is at the present time wearing a pair of exceedingly dark eyes, said to have been informally presented to him by former Congressman Dinsmore in a recent warm dispute. In addition to his readiness for a battle at all times, the honorable Jeff is noted for a tongue that works with the rapidity of a gasoline motor and sprays vituperation like a garden hose.

It may be, however, that he is not personally responsible for the abnormal development of his bump of pug-nacity which makes it impossible of individuals to approach him without ruffling the fur on the bump. That Jeff will be cured some day of his surplus pug-nacity and become as quiet and gentle as a consumptive patient at a health resort we have not the slightest doubt.

WHERE THE JOURNAL CAN BE FOUND.

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least doubt. Even now he is industriously seeking this cure, although he is quite unconscious of the fact. He is rapidly approaching the day when some opponent with a fist like an exaggerated monkeywrench will thump him into several hours of oblivious quietude from which he will emerge with his spirit chastened and pacified. The country, we are quite convinced, will witness the application of the cure to Jeff with a feeling of considerable joy, not that it has any particular grudge against him, but that there is always joy in a man who is looking for a first-class licking getting exactly what he needs.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM STATE PAPERS.

Worth the Price.

A statistician has figured it costs \$4,000 to raise a boy. Our boy is worth it.—Zolfo Advertiser.

Who'll Furnish the Ginger?

R. Hudson Burr will furnish the "pot metal," the Times-Union the "pepper," and as Jno. N. C. Stockton will not be in it, we must have somebody to furnish "ginger." The newspaper is open up in earnest and if "ginger" is to play an important part, it had better get in the ring.—Dade City Star.

Help the Teacher.

At school the young girls and boys are under the control of the teacher. The teacher does not desire to have any favorites, and is as anxious to have one learn as another. The teacher has no favorites, but it would be perfectly natural for a teacher to be more kindly toward a scholar that never caused them any trouble than one who is always creating dissension.

If you want to make a young anarchist of your boy, just takes sides with him on every question that comes between him and the teacher. When a boy is sure of the support of his parents in every quarrel he has in school, you can rest assured that he will not hesitate to get into trouble no matter whether he is on the right or wrong side.

The boy who has his every whim indulged at home, goes to school with the expectation of the same treatment, and it is such boys who that are often privileged to leave school and grow up in idleness and headed for the downward path that has room enough for the feet to tread to ruin. Let the teacher have full charge of their conduct and we will venture the assertion that few of them will go wrong.

It is best for the parents to try and let the teacher show the scholar what is best for him, and it will lighten the burden of both teacher and parents and often save the boy.

—Gainesville Sun.

Good News for the Printer.

It has been rumored that West Palm Beach will furnish at least three candidates for the legislature next year. This is good news, at least to the printer, for it means \$15, and already plans are being made to buy a new suit of clothes next year. Let us hope for an early campaign.—West Palm Beach News.

Dr. Jones's Reward.

We have found a fine way of rewarding capable doctors. A Dr. Hooper Jones was successful in keeping the yellow fever out of Memphis, Tennessee, and for his good work received ten thousand dollars and a KISS.—Milton Index.

A Stellar Attraction.

McCurdy states that he requested his salary be reduced from \$150,000 to \$75,000. As a general thing, men are willing to have their salaries increased, but it is rare that one is found who requests that his salary be reduced. Mr. McCurdy would be a stellar attraction at a museum.—Apalachicola Times.

Something to be Proud of.

To be an American is the greatest thing on earth. To have descended even by the most infinitesimal division of blood from those old worthies back there, when the American idea was in the early formative period, is something to be proud of and to be thankful for. The inspiration of their lives, rugged, rigid, sober, industrious, honest, true, determined and religious to the last degree, is the most valuable of any American possession to-day and another thing to be thankful for.—Orlando Reporter.

Chance for the Trucker.

The Irish potato crop north is reported very short this year. The Florida trucker should bear this in mind, and put in a big acreage. It will be a season when the growing of the Irish potato will pay handsomely in Florida.—Miami News.

Trip to the Honeymoon.

Well, Smith, our accomplished cartoonist, crept away like the Arab and his tent, and took unto himself a wife, and he tipped back to the office looking as shy as a sixteen-year-old girl in her wedding lugs. He was instructed by the editor-in-chief to run across the first page five characteristic sketches of—A Trip to the Honeymoon—but the boy dodged. People, you know, dislike to take their own medicine—even clever cartoonists.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

The Nerves.

At a nerve cure in the south of France they have a nerve rest. The patient takes a sun bath. That rests the nerves of the body, they claim. Rest is the only cure for tired nerves. Particularly do they rest the soles of the feet, which they claim control the nerves. The soles of the feet are very sensitive and should be treated if one is inclined to have nerves. They can be treated by rapidly running them through cold water until they begin to feel hot from the reaction, and also by vigorous massage, but, best of all, by putting on a pair of very soft wool shoes.

WILL HEARST BE NEW YORK'S MAYOR?

(Savannah News)

The belief is becoming strong in New York that Mr. Hearst will be the next Mayor of New York. The fight that is being made to open all of the ballot boxes will, in all probability, succeed. Those which have been opened show that Mr. Hearst was entitled to a good many votes he didn't get. If for any reason others should not be opened it would be said and believed that the Democrats were afraid to have them opened, because they would show that Mr. Hearst was cheated out of the election. Now that it has been demonstrated that votes in about all of the boxes that have been opened were wrongly counted, there is ground for charging that there was a conspiracy to defraud Mr. Hearst out of the election. If there wasn't it is difficult to understand why there was unanimity in all the precincts in counting for Mr. McClellan ballots marked in a certain way, when, as a matter of fact, they belonged, it is claimed, to Mr. Hearst.

If a conspiracy can be proven there will be a lot of trouble for the inspectors. The number of them is large and the most of them are young men. If they are prosecuted, and the Hearst lawyers are threatening prosecution, there may be political developments in New York such as that city has never known.

Of course there is a great deal to be done in the courts yet before it will be definitely determined whether or not certain kinds of tickets should have been counted for Mr. McClellan. The Court of Appeals will have to pass upon the question, and it will be well along in the winter before a decision from that tribunal can be obtained.

In the meantime the grand jury is finding many indictments against parties who committed various kinds of frauds on the ballot box. More than one hundred have been indicted, and the grand jury is just getting interested in its work.

A Shakespeare Legend.

Visiting Stratford-on-Avon recently, writes a correspondent, I met with the following legend, which may or may not be based on fact. It was told to me by a man whose father had lived ninety years, having had the story handed down from his great-grandfather, who had lived 104 years. The story was as follows: At the grammar school at Stratford-on-Avon, which Shakespeare attended, a dog named Fidler was a great favorite with the boys. But in the course of time the dog grew so old and decrepit that the head master, who was a clergyman, ordered his clerk to hang the dog.

Upon this becoming known in the school one of the boys chafed on one of the outer office doors the following lines:

Now that poor Fidler has grown so old
He can no longer bark
He is condemned by the parson
To be hung by the clerk.

The head master, seeing these lines, demanded that the boy who had written them should hold up his hand, and William Shakespeare did so. The other boys were dismissed and left Shakespeare, as they thought, to have a good "whacking." But instead of this the head master gave him 5 shillings and promised him that Fidler should die a natural death.—London Chronicle.

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Nov. 5, 5,900	Nov. 20, 5,700
Nov. 6, 5,900	Nov. 21, 5,850
Nov. 7, 5,650	Nov. 22, 5,750
Nov. 8, 5,600	Nov. 23, 5,700
Nov. 9, 5,700	Nov. 24, 5,700
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Nov. 13, 5,700	Nov. 28, 5,750
Nov. 14, 5,850	Nov. 29, 5,750
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